(b) whether the State Government of Assam was consulted in the matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Demographic Distribution

829. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the State-wise demographic distribution of India in 1947 and in each census thereafter;

(b) the average percentage rise in population of the seven North-Eastern States in comparison to average of the remaining States;

(c) whether there are any striking imbalances; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) State-wise distribution of population in 1947 is not available from the census. Details of distribution of population as per the 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981 & 1991 censuses for India and all States & UTs alongwith the decade variation and percentage decade variation are given in Annexure [*See Appendix 182, Annexure No. 16*]

(b) and (c) Percentage decade variation in population of the seven north-eastern states recorded during 1951-61, 1961-71, 1971-81 and 1981-91 is 36.83, 39.58, 26.40 & 27.46 as against 21.07, 24.45, 24.59 and 23.71 recorded during the same period for the remaining States and UTs. A statement showing the total population for Seven north eastern states and remaining States alongwith percentage decade variations is also enclosed as Annexure [*See Appendix 182, Annexure No. 16*]

(d) The difference in the growth rate may be due to migration and differences in the birth and death rates.

Coastal Wing Home Guard Battalion for Gujarat

830. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) as to why the proposal of the Gujarat Government for raising of Coastal Wing Home Guard Battalion is pending for so long time; and

(b) what steps Government are considering about security of international border of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The proposal of the Gujarat Government was received in September, 1996. After detailed examination and consideting all related aspects, Government of India, on 17.11.1997 have sanctioned raising of two Border Wing Home Guard Battalions for coastal security. These Battalions are to be raised in two phases i.e. one during 1997-98 and the other in 1998-99.

(b) Vigilance is being maintained along the international border of Gujarat. Various measures have also been taken in connection with coastal security in the State. These include, inter-asia, deployment of BSF Water Wing units, setting up of the Naval detachments, patrolling along the coast, strengthening of intelligence network and enhancing the presence of local police in the coastal districts, etc.

अति विशिष्ट व्यक्ति प्रतीक्षालय में संसद सदस्यों का प्रवेश

831. श्री राम देव भंडारी: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उन्हें पटना जंक्शन पर विशेष सुरक्षा समूह के किसी अधिकारी/कर्मचारी द्वारा एक सांसद को अति विशिष्ट व्यक्ति प्रतीक्षालय में प्रवेश करने से रोके जाने से संबंधित कोई पत्र प्राप्त हुआ है;

(ख) क्या विशेष सुरक्षा समूह द्वारा संसद सदस्य को इस प्रकार रोकना गैर-कानूनी था; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई की गई है, और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?